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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated April 11, 2006.

Claims 1 to 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Narushima and Rissman.

As described in the introduction of the present application, a purpose of the present invention is to provide a convenient and portable device that provides for quick and spontaneous display, manipulation and printing of digital images. Claim 1 has been amended to highlight these features. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the digital photo album includes a body section, and a display, in which the display is pivotably connected to the body section about a hinge joint. The Applicant respectfully submits that none of these features are described in the prior art. As a consequence of these amendments, claim 4 has been deleted and the claim dependency of claims 5, 6 and 8 have been amended.

Narushima teaches a printing method and a system for performing the method, rather than a printer per se. Rissman teaches only a desktop digital photo printer. Neither citation teaches a display that is pivotably mounted to the body, thus neither citation will convey the advantages of portability that the present invention provides.

In light of these amendments and submissions, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, and thus dependent claims 2 to 14 are novel and inventive over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Further consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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